GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYAT EXTENSION SCHEDULE AREA ACT
Chaure Shri Bapu Hari

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which have implemented Panchayat Extension Schedule Area Act in the country alongwith the names of those States which have not implemented it; and

(b) the action taken by the Government against those States which have not implemented the said Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) was enacted on 24 December 1996. Subsequently, 9 States having Fifth Schedule Areas,namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan have amended their respective Panchayati Raj Acts to give effect to the provisions of the PESA Act. Thus, all 9 States concerned have implemented the PESA Act through amendment of Panchayati Raj Acts as well as some of the subject laws of their States. Based on the replies received from the States to a detailed questionnaire on the status of implementation of some of the important provisions of PESA, a statement has been prepared which is enclosed as Annexure-`A`.

(b): Does not arise in the light of (a).